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PATENT APPLICATION**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2829

Application No.: 09/486,561

Examiner: D. Zarneke

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Docket No.: 105030

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, CIRCUIT BOARD AND ELECTRONIC
INSTRUMENT THAT INCLUDE AN ADHESIVE WITH CONDUCTIVE
PARTICLES THEREIN (AS AMENDED)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the August 24, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

A. Watanabe in view of Dibble

Claims 8, 14-16, 21, 22 and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,077,382 (Watanabe) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,040,631 (Dibble). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

First, Dibble is not available as prior art against the present claims. Dibble was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 27, 1999. However, the present application was filed as a PCT application on June 25, 1999, claiming priority to Japanese Application No. 10/201,246 filed in Japan on July 1, 1998. To confirm the right of the